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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: : Docket No.: 5169-0011-1-1
Stephen C. Wardlaw : Date: April 12, 2005
Serial No.: 10/733,542 : Group Art Unit: 2863
Filed On: December 11, 2003 : Examiner: A. Bhat

TITLE: APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING QUALITY CONTROL
IN AN INSTRUMENT FOR MEDICAL ANALYSIS

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, having a period for response set to expire on April 11, 2005, to which a one-month extension is respectfully requested. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 13, 14, and 19-23 are pending and are rejected.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response.

04/15/2005 BABRAHA1-0000034 Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.

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